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Classified By: Ambassador James F. Moriarty, Reasons, 1.4 (b/d).

 $\P 1.$ (C) On March 29, Indian Ambassador Shiv Mukherjee told the Ambassador that "pretty definitively, New Delhi is not interested" in the proposal that India, China and the U.S. Ambassadors co-host talks between the Palace and the political parties. On March 31, the Ambassador met with Chinese Ambassador Sun to convey India's views. Sun noted that he understood, and the proposal had been a long shot that was worth trying. Sun commented that State Councilor Tang had realized during his March visit to Nepal that the King had not been able to deliver on his promises when he assumed power on February 1, 2005. Sun added that a lot of work was needed to bring the political parties and the Palace together.

Comment.

12. (C) China shares our concerns about the need for reconciliation between the Palace and the Parties and the threat the Maoists pose to Nepal and stability in the region. We should remain open to the possibility of finding ways to cooperate with Beijing on Nepal.

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